



# Deb FRECKLINGTON MP

Member for **Nanango**

25 August 2022

The Hon Mark Furner  
Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries  
and Minister for Rural Communities  
PO Box 15009  
City East QLD 4002

Dear Minister Furner,

## **RE: Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Recovery Grant Deadlines**

I write in relation to the deadlines for the Disaster Assistance Grants available for primary producers, small business and not-for-profit organisations following the flooding events of November 21 – April 2022.

As you would be aware, these flooding events severely impacted regions across the Nanango Electorate. I have been contacted by primary producers who are concerned they will be unable to meet the deadlines for submission of their grant applications, given works must be completed and fully paid prior to submission. They note that continued wet weather, and difficulties securing contractors to undertake works (especially earthworks) has delayed their ability to start their restoration activities.

I appreciate that extensions to the deadlines were made earlier in the year, however I note the following current deadlines are now close:

- Central, Southern and Western Queensland Rainfall and Flooding, 10 November – 3 December 2021 - 30 September 2022 (just five weeks away)
- Ex-Tropical Cyclone Seth, 2 – 10 January 2022 – 28 October 2022
- South East Queensland Rainfall and Flooding, 22 February - 5 April 2022 – 5 Dec 2022

On behalf of those affected by the floods I request consideration of a further extension of at least three months to provide more time for applicants to complete works and make their grant submissions.

I ask that you give this matter timely and due regard.

Yours sincerely,

**Deb Frecklington**  
Member for Nanango